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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

CHELINE ET AL.

Examiner

Olga Hernandez

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 8/23/01.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 8/23/01 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-5, 8-16, 19-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Genty et al (2002/0178361).

As per claims 1 and 13, Genty discloses:

- receiving a request to establish a VPN session with a server-side system from at least one client computer out of a plurality of client computers coupled to a modem within a client-side system, where said request contains login details for a user of said at least one client computer (figures 1 and 2, paragraphs [0003] and [0216]);
- determining a network address of said at least one client computer (abstract);
- authenticating said user based on said user login details (paragraphs [0003], [0011], and [0012]); and
- establishing a VPN tunnel between said at least one client computer having said network address and said server-side system, where said VPN tunnel is established over said modem (abstract, figures 1 and 2, paragraphs [0015]-[0018]).

As per claim 2, Genty discloses obtaining security details from a client (paragraph [0010]).

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As per claims 3 and 14, Genty discloses a connection log to extract the network address of at least on computer (paragraph [0010]).

As per claims 4 and 15, Genty discloses storing the network address (abstract).

As per claims 5 and 16, Genty discloses the authentication process (paragraph [0003], [0011] and [0012]).

As per claims 8 and 19, Genty discloses ascertaining an Internet protocol address of the client (abstract).

As per claims 9 and 20, Genty discloses the use of different Protocol (paragraph [0019]).

As per claims 10, 11, 21 and 22, Genty discloses

- receiving a new request to establish a new VPN session with a different server-side system from a different client computer out of said plurality of client computers coupled to said modem within said client-side system, where said request contains new login details for a new user of said different client computer (paragraph [0009], [0040]);
- determining a new network address of said different client computer (paragraph [0012]);
- authenticating said new user based on said new user login details (paragraph [0009]); and
- establishing a new VPN tunnel between said different client computer having said new network address and said new server-side system, where said VPN tunnel is established over said modem (paragraph [0047]).

As per claims 12 and 23, Genty discloses restricting the VPN tunnel after certain time (paragraphs [0141], [0142]).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 6 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Genty et al (2002/0178361).

As per claims 6 and 17, Genty teaches the use of a server (figures 1 and 2). Genty does not teach a Radius server. However, it would have been obvious to one skill in the art to substitute a server for another server in order to enhance the quality of the transmission and reduce the costs.

5. Claims 7 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Genty et al (2002/0178361), further in view of Vandergeest et al (2002/0169988).

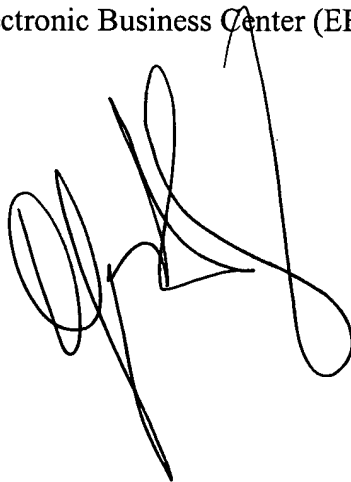
Genty teaches transmitting the authentication information to the server (paragraph [0003], [0011] and [0012]). Genty does not teach the retransmission of the information. However, Vandergeest teaches it in paragraph [0039]. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one skill in the art to combine the aforementioned inventions in order to allow the user to digitally sign information, or decrypt information using private keys.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Olga Hernandez whose telephone number is (571) 272-7144. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 6:00 am to 4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William Cuchlinski can be reached on (571) 272-3925. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Olga Hernandez', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

Olga Hernandez
Examiner
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